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POLICIES IN LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN; SAN JOSE, COSTA
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1. FOREIGN MINISTRY'S ACTION OFFICER FOR SUBJECT CONFERENCE
(FRANCISCO ALVIM OF INTELLECTUAL COOPERATION DIVISION) RECEIVED
EMBOFF AND TOOK NOTE OF USG POSITION AS PER PARAGRAPH 8 REFTTEL.
ALVIM SAID THAT INSTRUCTIONS FOR BRAZILIAN DELEGATION NOT
YET COMPLETED, SO THAT HE HAD TO RESTRICT HIMSELF TO GENERAL
AND UNCONFIRMED OBSERVATIONS, BUT THAT HE THOUGHT THERE WAS
NO MEANINGFUL DISCREPANCY BETWEEN BRAZILIAN AND
US POSITIONS. ON THE INTERNAL PLANE OF COMMUNICATIONS
POLICY, HE POINTED OUT THAT BRAZILIAN COMMUNICATIONS INDUSTRY IS
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NINETY PERCENT PRIVATE, AND GOB POSITION MUST REFLECT THIS

REALITY. ON INTERNATIONAL PLANE, HE ADDED, BRAZIL WAS OF COURSE AWARE OF IMBALANCE BETWEEN DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, BUT SUPPORTED "MULTIPLICITY OF SOURCES," WELCOMING A FULL INFLOW OF INFORMATION AND LOOKING TOWARD INCREASED CAPACITY TO GENERATE COMMUNICATIONS AS WELL.

2. ALVIM REVIEWED WHAT HE CALLED CONFERENCE'S TROUBLED HISTORY, TAKING NOTE OF STATIST FLAVOR OF EXPERTS' REPORT (WHICH HE SAID IN NO WAY COMMITTED UNESCO) AND CALLING NEWS AGENCY'S EFFORTS IN ECUADOR INTELLIGENT AND EFFECTIVE.

3. ALVIM ALSO SAID THAT ALTHOUGH HE COULD BE WRONG, HE THOUGHT CONFERENCE COULD BE DISAGREEABLE ONE INVOLVING CONFRONTATIONS. SUBJECT IS A NEW ONE FOR INTERNATIONAL TREATMENT, HE POINTED OUT, AND WAS STILL NOT RIPE IN TERMS OF DEVELOPMENT OF OFFICIAL POSITIONS. HE ALSO DOUBTED THAT VERY MUCH OF SIGNIFICANCE WOULD RESULT FROM CONFERENCE.

4. ALVIM SAID THE QUESTION OF BRAZILIAN REPRESENTATION AT CONFERENCE WAS STILL UNDER DISCUSSION, BUT HE DID NOT RPT NOT THINK BRAZIL WOULD BE REPRESENTED AT MINISTERIAL LEVEL. CRIMMINS UNQUOTE KISSINGER

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